

## 20 EMBASSIES REPRESENTED AT CHILE'S AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION

By Marilyn Nevy Cruz,  
District 7620 Interact Chair

On the evening of Thursday, October 3, the DC Rotary Club hosted a reception at the Residence of the Ambassador of Chile at the invitation of the Honorable Alfonso Silva Navarro, Ambassador of Chile. Twenty embassies were represented by various members of the diplomatic corp with nearly 100 in attendance. We sincerely thank



Ambassador Navarro and his family for opening their lovely home to our members and guests. The event was dual purposed! Each ticket included a contribution to Coaniquem, the non-profit Burn Center for Children in Chile which our DC Rotary Club has long supported, having co-funded several initiatives at the Center through our International Services Committee's selection process with funds from the DC Rotary Foundation.

What a wonderful evening socializing with Ambassadors and Chargé d'affaires, Rotarians and guests, including our District Governor, Barton Goldenberg and his lovely wife! Our Embassy Relations Committee did a fabulous job organizing this wonderful event!

## BICYCLES BOUND FOR ZULULAND, S. AFRICA

By Dick Foot, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

Carroll Creek Rotarians Norman Birzer, Steve Bamonti, and Richard A. Foot last month travelled to the Rockville, Maryland warehouse of Bikes For The World to load 426 used-yet-serviceable bicycles in a 40-foot long 9 1/2-foot high shipping container bound for South Africa, where the Rotary Club of Empangeni, Zululand, will recondition the bikes and distribute them to children for affordable transportation to school.

The Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, has established a partnership with the Rotary Club of Empangeni to provide bicycles to children, who now walk many miles to school each day. Providing bikes to these students helps them stay in school, obtain an education and job skills, and return home in a timely fashion in order

to assist their families with earning income, completing homework, or other household tasks.

Empangeni is a town in northeastern KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa, directly northwest of Richard's Bay on the Indian Ocean, northeast of Durban.

The International Committee of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek has this year granted the Club's Bikes For The World Committee \$4,000 to advance the humanitarian work of Bikes For The World in South Africa, as well as other developing regions globally.

Year-round the Carroll Creek Rotary Club collects bikes, which are shipped by Bikes For The World to NGO partners in Africa, Central America, and The Philippines. The Carroll Creek Rotary Club will conduct its annual Community Bicycle Collection on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Triangle Motors (1795 North Market Street, Frederick). Email Dick Foot <[richardallenfoot@gmail.com](mailto:richardallenfoot@gmail.com)>